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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is made to the Office Action mailed September 22, 2000, having a three month shortened statutory period for response.

Please amend the claims of the application as follows, without prejudice:

6. A magnetically-actuated coupler assembly for a model railroad car comprising:

(a) a drawbar with first and second ends, capable of being pivotally mounted within a coupler pocket of a model railroad car;

(b) a leaf spring formed as an integral part of the first end of the drawbar which extends from the first end of the drawbar;

(c) a coupler head secured to the second end of the drawbar,

(d) a cantilever spring formed as an integral part of the drawbar located proximal from the coupler body,

(e) a magnetically-actuated post pivotally secured to the drawbar which extends downward from the drawbar, and

(f) a pivotally mounted coupler knuckle, pivotally secured to the second end of the drawbar such that it is in constant contact with the cantilever spring to urge the coupler knuckle to a closed or coupled position, the cantilever spring having a first portion which curves away from the coupler head and a free end curves back toward the coupler knuckle to apply a tangential force to the coupler knuckle, the coupler head containing a pair of stops which limit the movement of the pivotally mounted coupler knuckle.